

# Vaccine Refrigerator Setup

## Storing Vaccines

Carefully organizing vaccines in a refrigerator helps protect vaccine and facilitates vaccine inventory management.

### Refrigerator-only Unit

Almost all of the space is usable (inside dashed lines).

✓ Place vaccine in breathable plastic mesh baskets and clearly label baskets by type of vaccine.

✓ Group vaccines by pediatric, adolescent, and adult types.

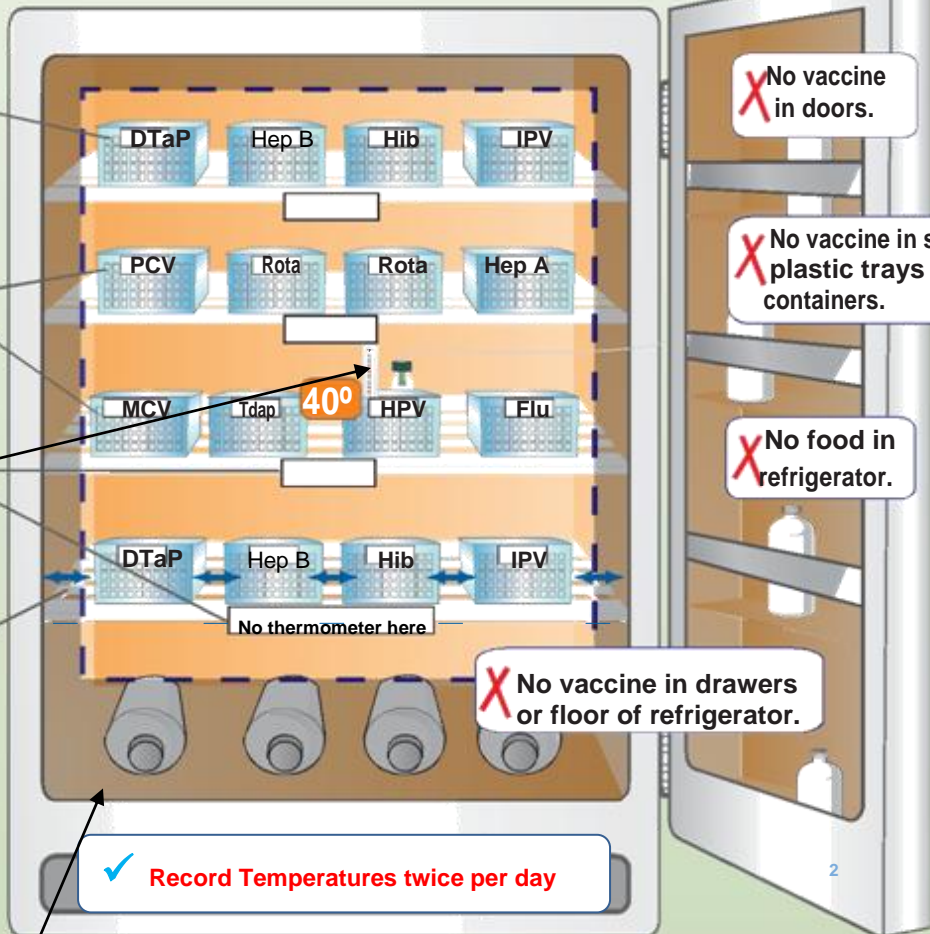
✓ Place thermometer in the center of the refrigerator away from coils, walls, floor and fan.

✓ Keep baskets 2-3 inches from walls and other baskets.

✓ Keep vaccines in their original boxes until you are ready to use them.

✓ Store only vaccine and other medication in vaccine storage units.

✓ Use buffers to stabilize refrigerator temperature.



✓ Record Temperatures twice per day

✓ Keep vaccines with shorter expiration dates to front of shelf.

If you have vaccine that will expire in 3 months or less that you will not be able to use, notify USAMMA, local RA or pharmacy.



✓ Keep temperatures between 35°F to 46°F.

Aim for 40°F



Below 35°F is too cold!



Above 46°F is too warm!

If you have any problems with your refrigerator, keep the refrigerator door shut and notify medical equipment repair office.

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